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Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK) Partner Frank A. Splendorio is a seasoned Municipal Law and Special District attorney who provides city attorney services and general counsel advice to public agencies. In such roles, Frank advises clients on a wide breadth of issues his clients regularly encounter, including governance matters, new laws and regulatory compliance, conflicts of interest laws, sunshine laws such as the Public Records Act and the Brown Act, land use matters, public contracting, water rights and water regulation, utilities and Prop 218, and labor and employment matters.

Frank also serves as co-chair of the firm's Open Government and Ethics Group, which provides counsel to public entities, officials, and agency managers on conflicts of interest, public integrity, and the Brown Act.

Prior to joining BBK, Frank served as chief assistant city attorney to the City of Modesto and as deputy city attorney to the City of Rancho Cordova. He also served as a deputy city attorney for the City of Vallejo.

While attending the UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), Frank served a summer as an intern to the U.S. Coast Guard Judge Advocate General Corps and as a judicial extern to the Hon. Marvin R. Baxter of the California Supreme Court. He enjoys wine tasting, cooking, and spending time with his family, preferably all at the same time.

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Open Government & Ethics

Special Districts

Water

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), J.D.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

California

Notable Experience

- Advise cities on large development projects, including those for age-restricted community, and mixed-use developments
- Represented city in its administrative prosecution in connection with its illegal cannabis cultivation program
- Represented and advised city in one of the first, complex outdoor emergency homeless shelter
- Represented and advised Wastewater Authority in Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief Action
- Represent and advise Special Districts in SGMA compliance and Prop 218 matters

Professional & Community Involvement

- League of California Cities, Brown Act Committee, Member

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "SB 1187 Repeals Portions of Recent Brown Act Updates**,"** *PublicCEO,* Sept. 30, 2026
- "Major Brown Act Updates Under SB 707," *PublicCEO*, Oct. 22, 2025
- “Open and Public VI: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act,” featured contributor, League of California Cities, 2023
- “Municipal Law Handbook” (Chapter: Land Use), editor, *CEB*, 2019 and 2020
- “Municipal Law Handbook” (Chapter: Public Contracting), reviewer, *CEB*, 2018

Presentations

- “Understanding Public Service Ethics Laws and Principles (AB 1234),” BBK, Feb. 15, 2024
- “Understanding Public Service Ethics Laws and Principles (AB 1234),” League of California Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy, Jan. 26, 2024
- “OK Boomer! Strategies for Creating Dynamic Multi-Generational Teams,” League of California Cities City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar, Dec. 2022
- “Special District Stories and Lessons Learned from the Trenches,” California Special Districts Association Leadership Academy Conference, Nov. 2020 (cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic)
- “Conflicts of Interest and FPPC Form 700,” Workshop, California Special Districts Association, March 2020 (cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic)
- “Required Ethics Compliance Training – AB 1234,” Webinar, California Special Districts Association, Jan. 2020
- “Transparency and Accountability: Updates on the Brown Act and Conflicts of Interest,” Board Secretary/Clerk Conference and Certificate Program, California Special Districts Association, 2019